UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE AT GREENEVILLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)	
)	
v.)	Case No. 2:19-CR-093
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CEDRIC MARCUS HARDY)	

ORDER

On December 17, 2020, United States Magistrate Judge C. Clifford Shirley conducted a change of plea hearing and filed a Report and Recommendation ("R&R") recommending: (1) that the Court find that the plea hearing in this case could not be further delayed without serious harm to the interests of justice; (2) that the defendant's plea of guilty to the charge in Count One of the indictment be accepted; (3) that the defendant be found guilty of that charge; (4) that a decision on whether to accept the plea agreement be deferred until sentencing; and (5) that the defendant remain in custody until his sentencing hearing. [Doc. 58]. No objections have been filed to the R&R, and the time for doing so has now passed. *See* Fed. R. Crim. P. 59(b)(2).

The Court has thoroughly reviewed the R&R. Having done so, Magistrate Judge Shirley's R&R [Doc. 58] is **ACCEPTED** and **ADOPTED** in full.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1), it is **ORDERED** that:

1. The plea hearing conducted in this case on December 17, 2020, could not have been further delayed without serious harm to the interests of justice;

- 2. The defendant's plea of guilty to the charge in Count One of the indictment, that is, of knowingly conspiring to distribute 280 grams or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine base, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1, 841(b)(1)(A), and 846, is **ACCEPTED**;
- 3. The defendant is **ADJUDGED** guilty of Count One of the indictment;
- 4. The decision whether to accept the parties' plea agreement is **DEFERRED** until sentencing; and
- 5. The defendant shall remain in custody until sentencing, which is scheduled to take place on **Thursday**, **April 15**, **2021**, **at 10:45 a.m.** in Knoxville.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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